Monitoring Mechanism for Implementation of PMGY

†4631. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have also set up any monitoring mechanism for effective implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States where this mechanism has already been set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Both physical and financial monitoring of Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) were being carried out by the concerned central ministries as per the guidelines issued by them. This as applicable to all the states, since the PMGY is being implement in the entire country.

Planning Commission intends to directly monitor PMGY from the current year 2002-03.

Eradication of Poverty

†4632. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a time-frame has been fixed by the World Bank for eradication of poverty by 2015;

(b) if so, whether in India also the same time-frame has been fixed as the target;

(c) if so, the details of the facts;

(d) whether it is also a fact that annual growth rate of GDP in the country will have to be enhanced for achievement of the said target; and

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(e) if so, to what extent, the annual growth rate is necessary for ensuing years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. However, in the Millennium Declaration by United Nations, a target of reducing proportion of World's people living on less than a dollar a day to halve by 2015 has been fixed.

(b) and (c) The Planning Commission, in its Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan has proposed reduction of poverty ratio by 5 percentage points by 2007 and by 15 percentage points by 2012 as one of the Monitorable Targets of the Tenth Plan.

(d) and (e) Since poverty is a state level phenomenon, no direct correlation between GDP growth and poverty reduction can be fixed.

Involvement of Private Sector in Construction/Maintenance of NHs in Kerala

4633. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction and maintenance of National Highways in Kerala have been entrusted with the private sector under BOT basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the sectors coming under Kerala which have been identified to be considered under BOT scheme;

(d) whether Phase III and Phase IV of Kollam Bypass in National Highway-47 will be taken under BOT basis for its completion; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) At present no work for construction and maintenance of National Highways in Kerala has been entrusted to private sector on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis.